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Invitation to the 20th Anniversary John Donne Society Conference: The John Donne Society will celebrate its 20th anniversary at the conference on February 23-26, 2005 at the Lod & Carole Cook Conference Center & Hotel on the Louisiana State University campus in Baton Rouge. Because we are meeting at a new location, registration procedures have changed. Please review carefully the new registration process and the registration letter. The Society has added an extra day to the conference to accommodate more papers. We plan to have special speakers and discussions of Donne studies. We encourage all past and present members of the Society to join us in celebratory scholarship. Please check our website at www.chss.montclair.edu/donne for further details.

2004 MLA Special Sessions: Please plan to attend the following two sessions that the Donne Society is sponsoring at the 2004 MLA meeting in Philadelphia:

1. Raymond-Jean Frontain (Univ. of Central Arkansas), chair, "Donne and Sincerity."

   “Feigned Devotion: A True Map of Misreading,” John Shawcross (Univ. of Kentucky)

   “Donne’s Christian Sophistry,” Greg Kneidel (Univ. of Connecticut)

   “To Biathantos or Not to Biathantos? John Donne Thinks It Over,” Ernest Sullivan (Virginia Poly. Inst. & State Univ.)


   “The Politics of Courtly and Anticourtly Love Poetry under Elizabeth,” Joshua Eckhardt (Univ. of Illinois-Chapaign)

   “The Ghost of Conciliarism in Donne’s Ignatius His Conclave,” Anita Gilman Sherman (American Univ.)

   “Oh, My Black Soule!’ and ‘Wilt Thou Love God?’: The Charlatan as Foil,” Roberta Albrecht (Bronx, NY)
Call for MLA 2005 Special Session Papers: The Donne Society will sponsor two special sessions at the 2005 MLA meeting in Washington, D.C.:

- “Donne and the Crises of His Times: Intellectual, Political, Religious,” 8-11 page papers by 1 Mar. to Graham Roebuck (McMasters Univ.)


Photos Needed: If you have old photos from previous conferences, please send them to Jeanne Shami as soon as possible (Department of English, Univ. of Regina, Regina, SK S4S A2, Canada). She promises to take care of them and return them to you quickly.


Reminder: When you publish an article or book on Donne, please be sure to inform the MLA Bibliography so that your work may be considered for the John Donne Society Award for Distinguished Publication in Donne Studies.

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